

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 16-19 remain pending in the application and have been allowed.

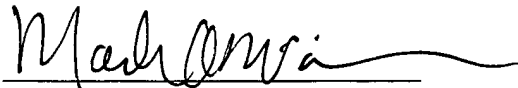
Claim 3 is proposed to be amended herein to improve its form. The change is not proposed to be made for any reasons related to patentability.

It is respectfully submitted that the proposed amendment does not add new matter and does not affect the allowability of the application. The need for the proposed changes was only recently discovered and its entry would not place undue burden on the Patent and Trademark Office.

Favorable consideration and entry hereof are earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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